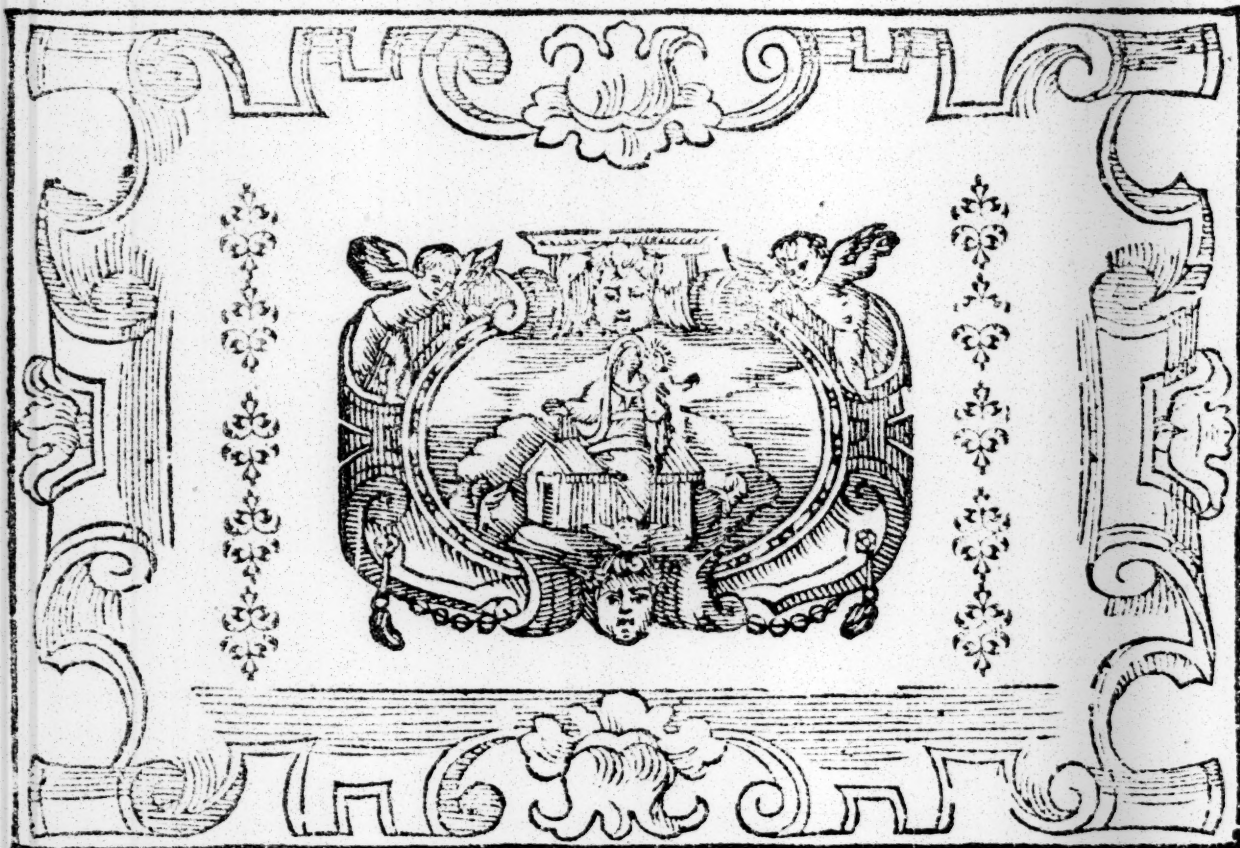


THE WONDERS

FLITTINGE OF THE KIRK OF OVR

B. LEDY OF LORETO.



THE Kirk of Loreto was a chamber of the house of the blest Virgin neir Ierusalem in the towe of Nazaret, in vvhile she was borne and reade vp, and greeted by the Angel, and thairin also conceived and nourisht har sonne IESVS vvhile he was twalle year avd. This chamber, efter the Ascensione of our B. Seniour, was by the Apostles hallowved and made a Kirk in honor of our B. Ledy, and S. Luke framed a pictur to har vary lyknes thair zit to be feine. It was haunted vvith muelle deuotione by the folk of the land vvhare it stod, als lang as they vver Catholiks; Bot vvhan they forsекte the Christen feth, and vvvent efter the errour of Mahomet, the Angels rooket, and set it in Sclauonia by a toun nemmed Flumen; VVhar net being honored as it sould, they transported it ouer sea to a vvood in the bounds of Recanati, belanginge to a neble dame called Laureta, frae vvhem it tike it nem of our B. Ledy of Loreto; And thence agen, for cause of many theifries, to a hill of twa brothers, in the same bounds; And lastly, for there struing for the gifts and oblations, to the high-roade neir-by, vvhare it zit stands meruellous for mirakels, and aboue ground vvithout foundatione; VVharat the indvvellers of the toun of Recanati, vvha cam aft to sic it, meikle vvondring; bigged a great vvall about it; Zit caude ne man tel vvhere frae it cam first vvhile in the zeir M.CC.XC.VI. the B. V. in sleipe reuelled it to a helly deuote man, and he telled it to diuers of athority in this place, vvhe presently resoluing to try the treuth of the viziene, decreed to find out saxeine parsons of credit, vvhem they sent altogether, to that end, to the toun of Nazaret, garring them to beare vvith them the mesur of this Kirk, and to met it thair vvith the foundatione vvhile was zet to the fore; They fand them baith alike, and in a vvall thairby ingraune, that it hed stod thair, and hed forgaune the place, and than, cuming back agen, declared the forseide vizi-one to be trevv, and frae that tim fourth, it hes beine surly kend that this Kirk was the chamber of the B. V. vvhar to Christens begun than, and hes euer efter hed muelle deuotione, for that in it daily she hes dun, and dus, many and many mirakel. Anefrier Paul de Silva an Eremit of muelle godlines, vvha vvoned in a cell neir-by this Kirk vvhare daily he vvvent to mattins, seyde, that for ten zeirs, one the eight of September, twveye hours before day, he savve a light descend from heauen vpon it, vvhile he seyde was the B. V. vvha thair shavved har selfe one the feest of har birth. In prooffe of all vvhill, twva verteous men of the seyde toun of Recanati, many times auovved to me, Ruler of Terremen, and Gouvernor of the forseide Kirk, as followveth: Ane of them, nemmed Paule Renalduci, affermed that his grandfyres grandfyre savve vvhan the Angels broght it ouer sea, setting it in the forseide vvood, and hed aft frequented it thair; The other, nemmed Francis Prior, sickele seyde that his grandfyre, being a hunder and twvantie zeirs avd, hed also meikle haunted it in the same place; and for a mere sur testimony that it hed beine thair, he reported, that his grandfyres grandfyre hed a house beside it vvharin he dvvelled, and that in his deyes it was beared by the Angels frae thence to the hill of the twveye brothers, vvhar they set it, as seyde is.

To the glorie of the mest pure Virgin:

IN LORETO Per Francesco Serafini. M. DC. XXXV.

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